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REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 11-17 will be all of the claims presently pending examination.

Instantly, Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice, thus, the Office's rejections thereto are now moot. Applicants, however, traverse said rejections and reserve the right to present full arguments in support thereof should the future need so arise, for example per an exercise of the Applicants' right to file identical or similar claims in a continuing application.

Claim Objections

Claims 11-17 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim but otherwise being directed toward patentable and allowable subject matter.

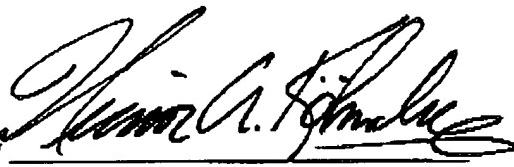
Per the instant submission, Claims 11-17 are amended. These amendments to the claims are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims but instead are made merely to expedite prosecution. Claim 11 is amended, *inter alia*, to include all of the limitations of Claim 1 from which it previously depended. Claim 11 is now set forth as an independent claim. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 11 is immediately allowable. Claims 12-17 are dependent claims, all of which depend from independent Claim 11. Therefore, it is likewise submitted that Claims 11-17 are immediately allowable as well.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 11-17, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note that the "prior art made of record" has been reviewed by the Office. Applicants acknowledge that such prior art was not deemed by the Office to be sufficiently relevant as to have been applied against the claims of the instant application. To the extent that the Office may apply such prior art against the claims in the future, Applicants will be fully prepared to respond thereto.

If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully,

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